

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:	)	Confirmation No.: 5487
Kiyoshi KATO et al.	)	Examiner: Ermias Woldegeorgis
Serial No.: 10/573,527	)	Group Art Unit: 2893
Filed: March 24, 2006	)	
For: MEMORY DEVICE AND	)	
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF	)	
THE SAME	)	

**AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 4, 2009, please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.